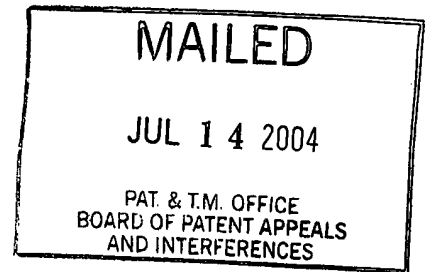


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte PRASAD Y. CHEBROLU

Application No. 09/406,381



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 15, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On March 12, 2004, the examiner filed an examiner's answer (Paper No. 12). On page 11 of the examiner's answer, the examiner, David Y. Eng, has not provided an original signature. The examiner must submit an original signature in the examiner's answer (Paper No. 12) before further review of this application.

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Also, the appendix to the appeal brief (Paper No. 11) filed January 5, 2004 is defective, for there is an error in claim 1 of the appendix compared to claim 1 of the specification.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that this application be returned to the examiner to: 1) provide an original signature in the examiner's answer (Paper No. 12); 2) correction to the appendix to the brief (Paper No. 11) in one of two ways: a) to notify appellant that the brief is defective, and to have appellant file a corrective brief; b) to issue a Supplemental Examiner's Answer to correct the deficiencies of the brief; and 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of this appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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